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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO  
FILE MISSING PARTS WITH SEQUENCE LISTING OBJECTION**

Attn: Box Missing Parts  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the October 31, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, lines 19-20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- PNA stands for polyamide analogs of DNA and RNA (see e.g.,  
U.S. patent No. 5,539,082 to Nielsen et al.) --

IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING:

Please substitute the attached Sequence Listing for the original Sequence Listing.